

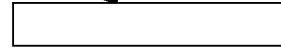
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Former Consul Arrested for Selling Passports

A former vice consul to Conakry, Guinea, has been arrested for selling 50 blank French passports to Shia extremists in Guinea. [] authorities consider him an important lead in the bombing of UTA Flight 772. []

[] the passport investigation began last August when authorities in London discovered an authentic French passport, issued in Conakry, among the belongings of a Hizballah operative who was killed when the bomb he was assembling in his London hotel room exploded. Investigators have since been able to determine that the consular officer sold the passports to extremists with links to Hizballah. []

[] the incident is another sign that Hizballah has an infrastructure in Africa that can be tapped to support terrorist operations elsewhere in the world. []

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